THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No such report has come to notice.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Open telephone junction boxes in Delhi

397. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of open telephone junction boxes are existing all over Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that through these open junction boxes fraudulent calls are being made by tapping these boxes;

(c) whether Government have assessed the loss of revenue to the Department as a result of calls made from these junction boxes; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to check the illegal use of the boxes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No Sir, telephone junction boxes are normally kept closed and locked. Any junction box reported to be broken or found opened is locked again as soon as it come to notice.

(b) Open junction boxes provide possibility for misuse by unscruplous elements. Hence these are kept locked.

(c) In view of above there is no perceptible loss of revenue to the Department.

(d) All the junction boxes are normally kept locked. There are regular patrolling parties who keep a vigil on the junction boxes.

Upgradation of Sonari telephone exchange of Sibsagar, Assam

398. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 600 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd January, 1991 and state by when the upgradation of the present Sonari Telephone Exchange at Sibsagar, Assam, which is under construction would be completed and start functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): Upgradation work is going on by installing two numbers of 128 lines C-DOT Electronic Exchanges. The exchanges are targetted for commissioning by middle of October, 1991.

National Highway in Assam

399. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money annually sanctioned by the Centre for improvement and maintenance of National Highways in Assam during the last three years;

(b) the amounts spent by the State Government and the amount returned unspent during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The details of the amounts allotted and actually spent for the maintenance and improvement of National Highways

in Assam during the last three years are given in the Statement.

Statement

(Rs. in Crores).

Year	For improvement of National Highways.			For maintenance of National Highways.		
	Allotment	Expenditure.	Amount unspent	Allotment	Expenditure	Amount unspent
1988-89	10.00	9.63	0.37	6.34	5.88	0.46
1989-90	11.00	10.88	0.12	5.77	6.72	(—) 0.95
1990-91	11.50	11.02	0.48	9.38	9.86	(—) 0.48

Delivery of Greeting Telegrams in Tamil Language

400. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecommunications Department, Tamil Nadu Circle had introduced delivery of greeting telegrams in Tamil language on the eve of Tamil New Year Day on 14th April, 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a follow up measure, orders were placed with Hindustan Teleprinters for Tamil teleprinters;

(c) whether Telegraphists were given training also;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the said scheme has not yet got through;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether steps are being taken to implement the decision to introduce Tamil telegraphy on the lines of English and Hindi telegraphy; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The delivery of Greeting Telegrams in Tamil Language was introduced w.e.f. March, '91 in Central Telegraph Offices/Telegraph Offices in Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle.

(b) Orders for Tamil Teleprinters were placed not as a follow up of delivery of greeting telegrams in Tamil language but under the proposed scheme of introduction of Tamil Telegraphy in limited CTOs in the state of Tamil Nadu on experimental basis.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some of them were given familiarisation training in Tamil Teleprinters.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) The experimental scheme is still at proposal stage.

Restructuring the Capital Base of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

401. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a High Powered Committee appointed by Government had recommended restructuring the Capital base of the Hindustan Shipyard Limited;

(b) if so, what were the proposals recommended by the said High Powered Committee;